HOUSE RESOLUTION 297 By Sontany

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joseph Mikhail, 2006 Salutatorian of Glencliff High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Mikhail is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Glencliff High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Mikhail has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joseph Mikhail has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; and

WHEREAS, he was named a Questbridge finalist and a Quest Leadership Scholar, received the National Honor Roll Award for Academic Achievement, the USAA National Leadership Merit Award, USAA National Science Award, and the All-American Scholar Award, and was honored as the First Place Graduate of the Introduction to Technology and Engineering Summer Institute Program; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs,

Joseph is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Science

Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Vanderbilt University Research Explorer Program; and

WHEREAS, a gifted musician, Joseph has played in the Glencliff Marching Band for four years and the Jazz Band for three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mikhail has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mikhail's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Joseph Mikhail, 2006 Glencliff High School Salutatorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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